

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
March 14, 2016

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2016 in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

Chairman Shackleton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Present: Commissioners Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Absent: Commissioner Egan

Also Present: Scott Brand, James Traynor, Nick Cassel, Kristina Dennison, Lee Brown, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve the regular Board Meeting minutes of February 8, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the clerk's office and, if necessary, forward to the appropriate committee. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Lee Brown, a representative of Superior Insurance Agency, appeared before the Board and stated that they are a local agency here in Sault Sainte Marie that looks forward to assisting the county with their insurance needs.
- Nick Cassel, Invasive species program coordinator for the Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Conservation District, provided information regarding their grant funded program Cisma Three Shores *Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area*. He indicated that they're a cooperative

partnership made up of Federal, State, Tribal and private officials coming together to manage invasive species throughout Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties. He went on to say that they're *in* the process of revamping their 5 year- MOU strategic plan and expand their *partnership* with those they have not had the privilege of being partners with and hope that Chippewa County will be an official member. He announced that they will be hosting an open house on March 31st, 2016 between 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express for everyone to learn more about what Three Shores does.

A discussion followed; during the discussion Board members raised concerns regarding partners' liability and if the partners have no liability, how they would be assured of that.

Kristina Dennison explained that the Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac conservation district is the fiduciary, that they actually hold all the liability. She stated that there is no financial commitment.

The discussion yielded the consensus of the Board to take this matter up at a committee to and spend a little more time on it.

Administrator's Report – Given for informational purposes only – *no action items*.

OLD BUSINESS

- A) Board Appointment – Department of Veterans' Affairs concur and acknowledge resignation of Dale French, as well as, appoint recommended replacement for the term to end March 31, 2017.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the resignation of Dale French from the Department of Veteran's Affairs effective immediately. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Chairman Shackleton called upon Mr. German, to communicate the research he did, concerning the steps the Board will need to take concerning this vacancy.

Mr. German indicated that the position must be advertised in the newspaper and recommendations must be obtained from other Veteran Organizations in the area.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to advertise the vacancy in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Resolution 16-05 Special Tribute to Dale French**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution 16-05 as follows:

RESOLUTION 16-05

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE
DALE FRENCH**

LET IT BE KNOWN, that it is with great pride that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners join together with the residents of Chippewa County, to express their appreciation to Mr. Dale French for his twenty-four years of services to the Chippewa County Department of Veterans Affairs.

DALE FRENCH served in the US Marine Corp from December 31, 1953 until December 18, 1956.

DALE FRENCH a special community citizen and leader; we recognize this outstanding individual of the community who is representative of all that is good in leadership, responsibility, enthusiasm and inspiration. Such characteristics embody the attributes for success in any area of endeavor and will not only bring personal satisfaction but also contribute to the well-being of many others.

DALE FRENCH has brought opportunities, solutions, and much advancement to our County veterans. Each individual effort has contributed to the future quality of life and well-being in Chippewa County. Throughout his tenure DALE FRENCH has shown professionalism; selflessness; care and concern for others; and a man who has stood up for his principles time and again.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, therefore, upon his resignation this document is signed and dedicated to honor DALE FRENCH for his services and his contributions to Chippewa County and the United State of America, in wishing you good health and may your life continue to be filled with family, friends and fun.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Commissioners Johnson, Martin, McLean and Shackleton

Nays: None.

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Resolution 16-06 Opposing Section 298 of the Executive Budget Proposal regarding Hiawatha Behavioral Health.

A discussion took place, with Commissioner Martin, stating that it appears that in the Governor's fiscal year's budget for next year he's privatizing mental health to the tune of 300,000,000. He went on to say there will be an overhead cost of 15% for privatizing a company for this vs the 6% overhead of the current behavioral health system for mental health services.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adopt Resolution 16-06 as follows:

16-06

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SECTION 298 OF THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

- WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health has served for more than 45 years as the public mental health and developmental disabilities services provider for this community, serving over 1,200 residents of Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft Counties each year; and
- WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health was created by the Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health and 4 other community mental health service programs representing 14 counties created a regional entity to manage Medicaid specialty services as duly authorized under 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health includes persons and family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services on the Board of Directors as required under 330.1222 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health and 4 other community mental health service programs representing 14 counties have required representation from local communities and persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services be included on the regional entity Board of Directors managing Medicaid specialty services; and
- WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 effectively nullifies the duly authorized actions taken by Hiawatha Behavioral Health and the 4 other community mental health service programs to create a regional entity under section 330.204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to the Chippewa, Mackinac, and Schoolcraft County Boards of Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services from Hiawatha Behavioral Health; and
- WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 will result in the elimination of specialty mental health services that are accountable to the communities of persons residing in Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft Counties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners opposes Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 and encourages the Governor, State Senate, and State House of Representatives to prevent it from becoming law.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Commissioners Johnson, Martin, McLean, Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

B) Three Shores CSIMA – Partnership

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to forward the Three Shores proposal to the Legislative Committee for review. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation, and
Health and Social Services Committee**

Commissioner Egan Chairman – February 23, 2016

Agenda Items

Union Negotiations

Administrator German notified the Committee that a tentative deal had been reached with the Road Patrol.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve the tentative agreement with the Road Patrol which would include a one percent wage increase retroactive to January 1st and a one and a half percent raise effective January 1st, 2017 with all other issues being dropped. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff Personnel Changes

The Committee reviewed personnel changes in the Sheriff's Department. A discussion ensued including creative hiring practices, more full time employees instead of part time staff and possible interns.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the resignation of full time employee Shentele Apps effective February 26th, 2016 and also fill her position with a tier two employee and to promote another employee to the tier two level of 79 hours per pay period with single health care coverage. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation and Health and Social Services Committee meeting minutes of February 23, 2016, with one correction on the bottom to reflect Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn, with Chairman Shackleton supporting such. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Martin Chairman – March 10, 2016

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2% Funding Request – health Department for EUP Hospice Services

The Committee reviewed and discussed 2% Funding Request received in the amount of \$10,000 for cycle of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians gaming revenue. The monies will be used to provide sufficient revenue to allow Hospice of the EUP to pay for the many services provided by the certified program and to sustain a warm and caring environment for hospice clients and their families.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the 2% Funding Request from the Chippewa County Health Department for the Hospice of the EUP, to request \$10,000.00 from the current Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians 2% Gaming Funding cycle. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

Sheriff Department Patrol Units – Bid Summary

The Committee reviewed the bid received to purchase two patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Department, which included trading in two older vehicles. The bid from O'Connor's Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram bid price less the \$4,000 for trade-ins was \$42,710.00. These vehicles were budgeted to purchase in FY16.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the bid including the trade-ins of \$4,000 to purchase two Dodge Chargers (Police Package) for a price not to exceed \$42,710.00.

On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE

Claims and Accounts

The Committee reviewed the bills and payroll presented for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to recommend the approval of February bills and payroll as follows: the general claims totaling \$225,504.60, other fund claims \$339,817.86, payroll \$500,530.03, Health Department claims \$499,134.48 and total claims \$1,564,986.97 and vouchers H-1 through H-283. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the Finance Claims and Accounts Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the

motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Commissioner McLean reported on the MACC conference he attended in Lansing on February 29th and March 1st, 2016.

Topics that were covered:

- Mental Health issues
- Heroin epidemic
- Alternative methods for pain management

He also noted that May 19th and 20th is the U.P. Association of Counties conference and encouraged everyone to attend. They will be meeting at the Island Resort.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman

